

What is claimed is:

1. An article storage apparatus for a truck having side walls extending from a truck bed, the apparatus comprising:
storage compartment means, mountable to at least one of side walls and a truck bed; and
means, coupled to the storage compartment means, for moving the storage compartment means between a first storage position with respect to the truck bed and a selectable second position elevated from the first position to allow easy access to an interior of the storage compartment means.
2. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:
pivot means for pivotally mounting the storage compartment means to a truck and to the moving means.
3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the storage compartment means comprises:
a frame; and
at least one storage compartment.
4. The apparatus of claim 3 further comprising:
movement assist means, coupled to the frame, for assisting movement of the frame between the first and second position.
5. The apparatus of claim 4 wherein the movement assist means comprises:
at least one pressurized gas cylinder coupled to the frame.
6. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the moving means comprises:

a rack stationarily positioned with respect to the storage compartment means, the rack including an extensible member coupled to the storage compartment means;

a driven gear coupled to the rack; and

an electric motor coupled to the driven gear for bi-directionally moving the extensible member of the rack.

7. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the moving means comprises: a rack coupled to the storage compartment means, the rack having an extensible member; and

a manually operated crank for bi-directionally moving the rack.

8. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein: the second position is a variably selectable plurality of discrete second positions.

9. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the moving means comprises: a receiver coupled to a pivotal frame supporting the storage compartment; and

a left bar removably insertable in the receiver for manually pivoting the frame.

10. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the storage compartment means comprises:

a rigid, fixed storage compartment.

11. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the storage compartment means comprises:

a collapsible storage compartment.

12. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the storage compartment comprises:

a plurality of inter-engagable panels.

13. The apparatus of claim 12 wherein:
the panels are nestable in a frame, the frame supporting the storage compartment.

14. The apparatus of claim 12 wherein:
certain ones of the panels are hinged to the frame.

15. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the storage compartment means comprises:
a frame having at least one open section; and
a removable storage container mountable in the at least one open section.

16. The apparatus of claim 15 further comprising:
mounts carried on at least one of the frame and the storage container for releasably supporting at least one storage container in the at least one section of the frame.

17. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the storage compartment means further comprises:
a storage compartment having at least a bottom wall, at least one side wall, and an open top end formed by the at least one side wall; and
divider means, positionable within the storage compartment, for dividing the interior of the storage compartment into at least two separate sections.

18. The apparatus of claim 17 wherein:
the divider means are pivotally carried by at least one of the bottom wall and the at least one side wall of the storage compartment.

19. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:
a tonneau pivotally connected to the storage compartment means and moveable from a first position overlaying the storage compartment means and a second position spaced from and opening the interior of the storage compartment means to access.

20. The apparatus of claim 19 further comprising:
article carrier means carried on the tonneau cover.

21. The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the article carrier means comprises:
an open-ended channel integrated with the tonneau.

22. The apparatus of claim 21 further comprising:
tie-down means, carried on the tonneau, for releasably securing an article in the article carrier means.

23. The apparatus of claim 19 further comprising:
movement assist means coupled between the tonneau and the storage compartment means, for assisting movement of the tonneau between the first and second positions.

24. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the storage compartment means comprises:
a pair of separate storage compartment means, each moveably mountable above the truck bed.

25. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:
the storage compartment means including a frame;
at least one article compartment supported by the frame; and
a tonneau cover pivotally connected to the storage compartment means
and moveable from a first position overlaying the storage compartment means and a
second position spaced from and opening the storage compartment means to access.

26. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:
the storage compartment means including a frame and a storage
compartment;
the moving means including a rack stationarily positioned with respect
to the storage compartment means and including an extensible member;
a driven gear engaged with the rack; and
an electric motor driving by coupled to the driven gear for bi-
directionally moving the extensible member of the rack.

27. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:
a frame;
a storage compartment;
a movable rack coupled to the storage compartment means; and
a manually operated crank coupled to the rack for bi-directionally
moving the rack.

28. A tonneau cover for a truck having side walls extending from a
bed, the tonneau cover comprising:
at least one panel pivotally disposed with respect to a truck bed and
side wall of a truck for movement between a first position covering at least a portion
of the truck bed and a second position angularly disposed from the truck bed to open
at least a portion of the truck bed; and
article carrier means carried on the tonneau cover.

29. The apparatus of claim 28 wherein the article carrier means comprises:

a channel extending out of a plane of the panel.

30. The apparatus of claim 28 wherein the article carrier means comprises:

a channel extending below a plane of the panel.

31. The apparatus of claim 28 wherein the article carrier means comprises:

an open-ended channel integrated with the panel.

32. The apparatus of claim 28 further comprising:
tie-down means, carried on the panel, for releasably securing the article
in an article carrier means.

33. The tonneau cover of claim 28 wherein the at least one panel comprises:

a pair of panels each individually pivotally mountable with respect to
the truck bed.